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The theme this time is both uniform and apron.
I think a garcon in an apron has the
most tantalizing derriere!

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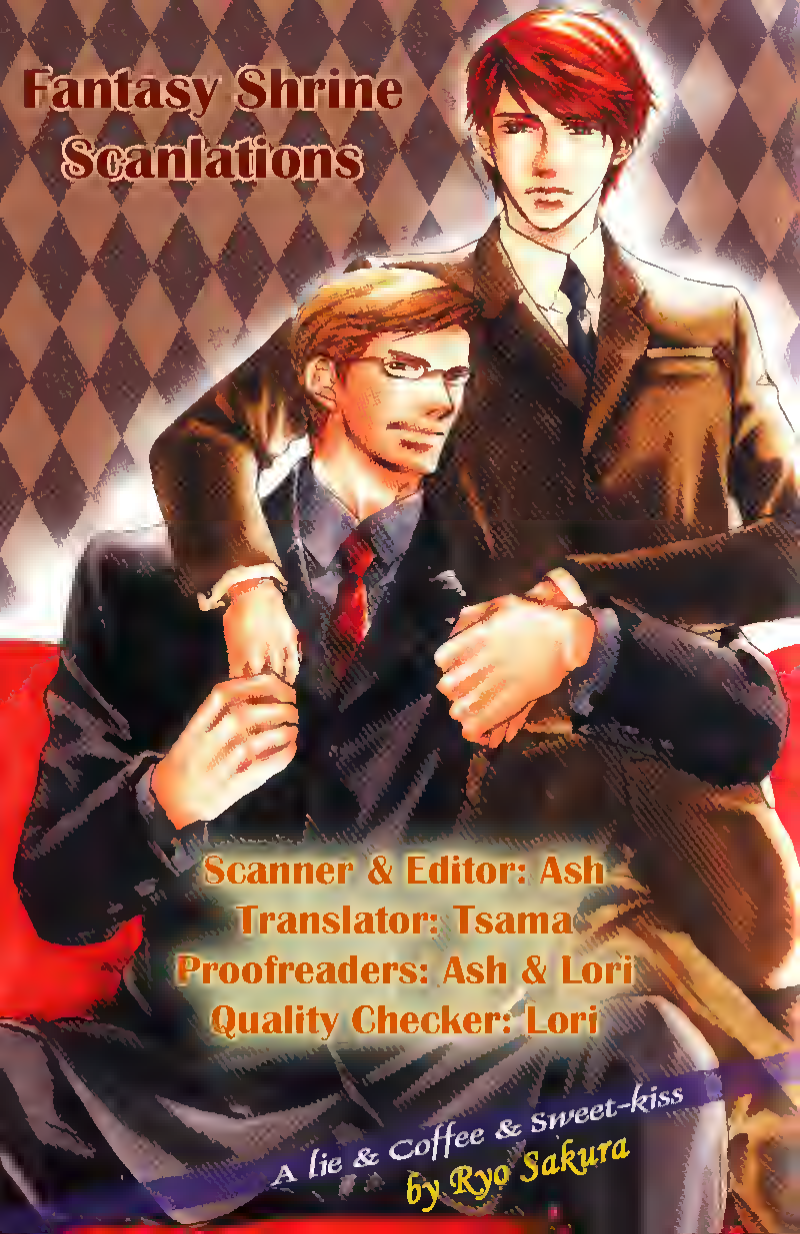
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Up until now,
I've lived a life of peace
and harmony without
a single problem.

Then, what in the world
went wrong!?

BOSS, IT'S HIM AGAIN.
THAT MAN!
I'LL HAVE A BLEND AND THE DESSERT CART
PREFERABLY WITH YOU ON IT, KANO-SAN!
This guy is Otowa.
WELCOME
CAN I TAKE YOUR ORDER?

He saw me at my vulnerable moment.
STOP!
Please stop!
OI!
JUST BECAUSE THE NEW ANTI-YAKUZA LAW IS PUTTING YOU OUT OF BUSINESS
YOU LOAN SHARKS ARE LASHING OUT ON INNOCENT CITIZENS?

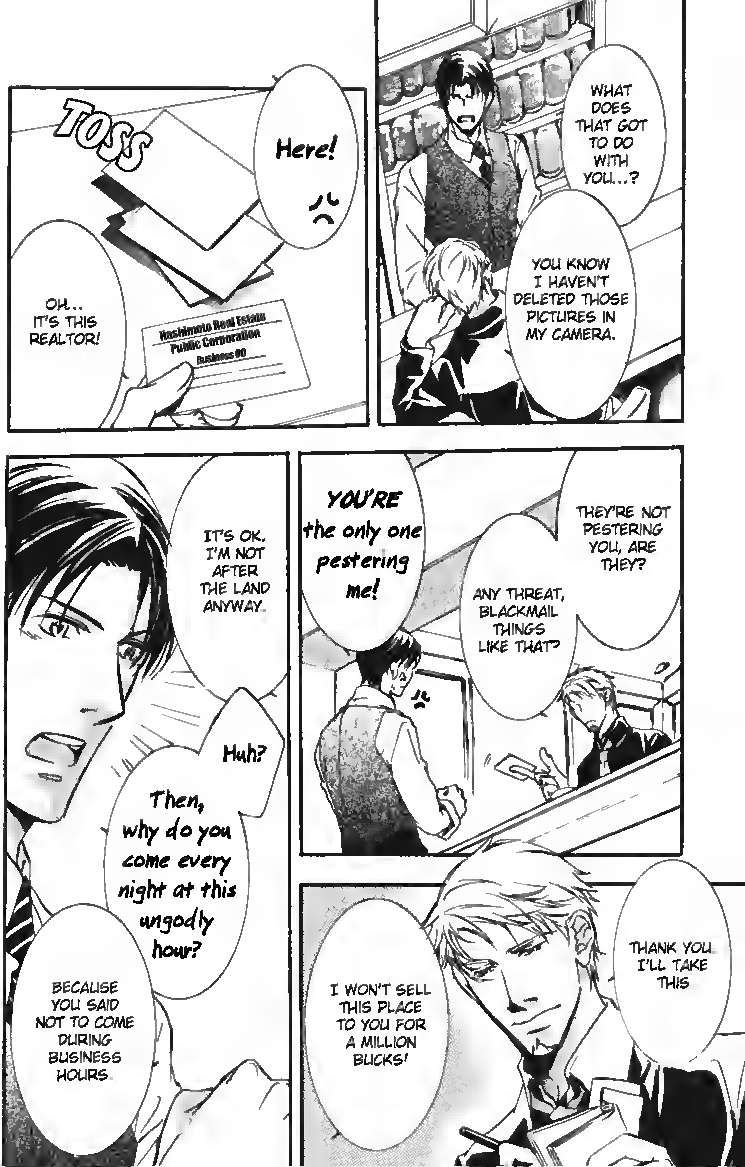
Just remember this!
We'll get you one day!
BESIDES, THIS IS MY TERRITORY
NOW, HOW ARE YOU GONNA PAY FOR THAT?
IN THAT CASE, I'D BETTER TAKE YOUR PICTURE SO I DON'T FORGET! SMILE!
flash
flash
shaggy
MAN, THAT WAS SOME BAD LUCK!
WANNA PRESS CHARGES FOR ATTEMPTED RAPE TO THE POLICE?
jolt

Grab
NO!
NO... POLICE...
THANK YOU.
AREN'T YOU THE CAFE OWNER AROUND THE CORNER?
HERE'S YOUR PANTS.
THEY'RE A MESS BUT IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING.
TOSS
I'M SCOPING THE WHOLE AREA AROUND HERE.
AH, YEAH, HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
HERE'S MY CELL PHONE NUMBER.
I'M OTOWA.
SCOPING? THEN, YOU'RE ALSO...

CALL ME IF ANYTHING COMES UP I CAN HELP.
I DON'T NEED YOUR KIND OF HELP!
Since then, Otowa has been frequenting my cafe.
YOU'RE ATTRACTING UNWANTED ATTENTION WHEN YOU COME HERE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

STARE
Jolt
.....
.....
GOT IT!
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED, I'LL GO TO YOUR PLACE THEN...
Oh well
Hey, wait!
You can't go to my place!
Sign. In Preparation
THEN, HOW CAN I GET MY COFFEE AND SWEETS?
A BLEND
AND A FRUIT TART
CLOSED

KLUNK
HERE!
KANO-SAN,
FINE, JUST A BLEND THEN.
.....
AND WE'RE CLOSED!
DESSERTS WERE SOLD OUT!
Otowa has such a sweet-tooth
but his personality is not sweet at all.
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST LOCK THE DOOR!
YOU KNOW, IF YOU DON'T WANNA LET ME IN,
He's like a dark roast, bitter coffee
that he usually favors!
Was that a threat or a lecture?
glower
WHAT?
THAT ATTITUDE ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP ME OUT!
WHERE'S THE CARD OF THE REALTOR?
I WANNA SEE


WHAT DOES THAT GOT TO DO WITH YOU...?
YOU KNOW I HAVEN'T DELETED THOSE PICTURES IN MY CAMERA.
THEY'RE NOT PESTERING YOU, ARE THEY?
ANY THREAT, BLACKMAIL THINGS LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE the only one pestering me!
THANK YOU. I'LL TAKE THIS
I WON'T SELL THIS PLACE TO YOU FOR A MILLION BUCKS!
IT'S OK. I'M NOT AFTER THE LAND ANYWAY.
Huh?
Then, why do you come every night at this ungodly hour?
BECAUSE YOU SAID NOT TO COME DURING BUSINESS HOURS.
TOSS
Here!
OH... IT'S THIS REALTOR!
Hashimoto Real Estate
Public Corporation
Business 00

THANKS FOR THE COFFEE, I'LL BE BACK AGAIN SOON.
I REALLY ENJOY DRINKING YOUR COFFEE.
BESIDES,
I'M JUST DOING WHAT I WAS TOLD.
clatter
NO MATTER WHAT UNGODLY HOUR,
What a weirdo! I don't know what he does
or how he thinks,
he's like a sphinx—
IT NEVER FAILS TO REVIVE ME EVEN WHEN I STAY UP ALL NIGHT.
STAY UP ALL NIGHT ...?
LATER!
BATAN

CLICK
I GUESS HE'S NOT COMING IN TODAY.
I'D BETTER LOCK UP AND FINISH CLEANING
Thanks to him,
those suspicious guys are no longer around.
worrying about that shady guy
THUD
What the hell am I doing
with his coffee set to be poured
and eagerly anticipating his arrival

plus with the door open?
BOSS, I'M DONE CLEANING UP.
GOOD WORK!
WOW, IT'S RARE THAT WE HAVE SOME LEFTOVER CAKES.
CAN I TAKE IT HOME?
ER...
.....
FINE, EACH OF YOU CAN HAVE A SLICE.
GYEEE~♡

THANK YOU.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE CAKE.
THANKS FOR TODAY.
I guess...
he's not coming today either.
I SHOULD'VE GONE STRAIGHT HOME...
Squeak
Rustle
Not that I'm waiting—

Hey, you two!
What do you think you're doing!?
don't tell me...
DAMN, I THOUGHT NO ONE WOULD BE OUT THERE.
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE ONLY TRYING TO MAKE A SMALL FIRE,
HE SAW OUR FACES.
These guys...
THEY'RE NOT PESTERING YOU, ARE THEY?
ANY THREAT, BLACKMAIL THINGS LIKE THAT?

Come to think of it, he did try to warn me!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE PESTERING ME!
Instead, I blew up at him!
I said such cruel things—
ANYWAY, LET'S TAKE HIM TO THE OFFICE
SO ANIKI* CAN TELL US HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM.
I WONDER WHAT ANIKI WOULD SAY
WELL, I DID KNOCK ON THE DOOR—
*Big brother
!
I PRESUME YOU TWO ARE UNDERLINGS FROM THE HASHIMOTO CORP?
THE ANTI-YAKUZA LAW IS IN FULL FORCE.
DIDN'T YOUR ANIKI TELL YA?

ER,
OTOWA-SAN.
YOU NEED TO BRING THE CAFE OWNER TO THE STATION
TO GET HIS STATEMENT!
YES, SIR!
THANKS, TACHIBANA!
scratch
WELL, IT'S THE REALTOR.
COULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON?
BECAUSE I'M A COP.
FLIP
POLICE
IT'S RUN BY THE YAKUZA!
HOW DO YOU KNOW...?

準備中
CLOSED
—YOU'RE NOT A YAKUZA?
HELL, NO!
WELL, SINCE I'M AN UNDERCOVER DETECTIVE FROM THE 4TH DIVISION, IT'S REALLY HARD TO DISTINGUISH ME FROM THOSE GOONS.
LATELY, THOSE LAND SHARKS HAVE BEEN RESURRECTING
AND TARGETTING THIS AREA.
BUT NEVER-THELESS, YOU SAVED ME AGAIN!
OH, NO! THINK NOTHING OF IT.
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME . . . THAT YOU'RE A COP.
I THOUGHT . . .
I'M SORRY FOR KEEPING MY IDENTITY FROM YOU.

I PROMISE NOT TO SHOW MY FACE HERE AGAIN.
I'M SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU.
I DIDN'T HAVE TO KEEP COMING TO YOUR CAFE LIKE A STALKER
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE TO ADMIT IT WAS PART OF MY JOB,
PLEASE FORGET ABOUT THIS WHOLE INCIDENT
AND ABOUT ME AS WELL ..
.....
I SEE.
.....
THEN I'LL DO AS YOU SAY—

I'M JUST GLAD, IT'S OVER.
DON'T WORRY, IN TIME, I'LL FORGET ABOUT ALL THIS LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED.

I DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR YOU ANYMORE.
AND NOW THAT YOU WON'T BE COMING HERE,

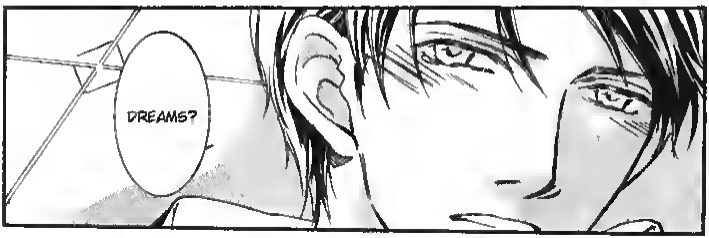
FOR SURE—
I CAN LOCK THE DOOR RIGHT AFTER CLOSING...
AT LEAST FOR SECURITY PURPOSES...

Grab
I'LL FORGET...
gasp
Please don't do this!
No!
THUD
IF YOU EMBRACE ME,
I WON'T BE ABLE TO FORGET.

bonk
I WAS USING THE LAND SHARK INCIDENT AS AN EXCUSE
TO SEE YOU.
EVEN THOUGH, THE COFFEE AND THE DESSERTS ARE GOOD,
YOU'RE THE MOST DELICIOUS OF ALL!

DEVOUR ALL OF YOU?
CAN I
Pop
I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE WITH YOU.
GIVEN MY JOB, EVEN JUST A ONE-NIGHT STAND IS HARD!
RAISE YOUR LEGS.

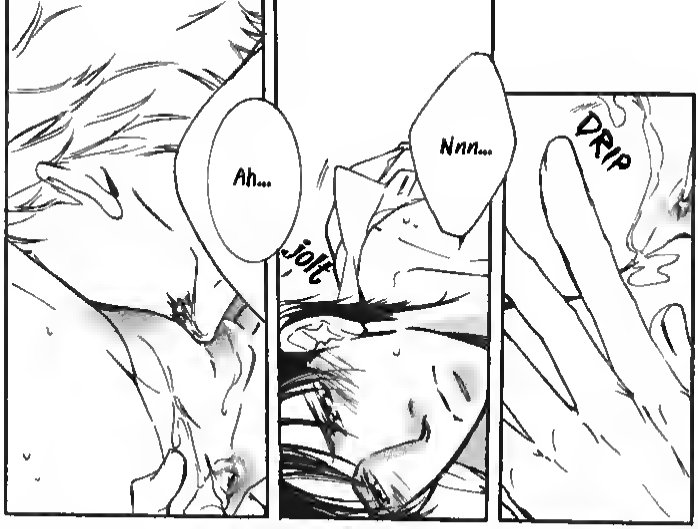
...
Haa
DREAMS COULD NOT EVEN COMPARE TO REALITY


DREAMS?

YEAH, I KEEP HAVING THEM DREAMS ABOUT YOU AND ME LIKE THIS

GASP

Me too—
I wanted to tell him
KINDA EMBARRASSING REALLY AT MY AGE
TO STILL HAVE WET DREAMS!
Quiver
I want him so much
Kiss
except I couldn't speak!
that
Suck
Jolt
AAH...
I could only moan!


Ah...
Nnn...
DRIP
jolt

OKAY..
BETTER RELAX!

He doesn't taste anything like a dark roast, bitter coffee!
His lips,
his fingers,
even his passion,
Fuah...
tremble tremble

THRUST
Otowa-san!
Stop! That place ...
Don't ...
THRUST
Hya! Nnn...
everything tastes sweet!
Ahhh...
tremble
tremble
Yes ...
it's fine ...
SO FROM NOW ON
WOULD IT BE OK... IF I CONTINUE TO COME TO THE CAFE?
Haa—

THE DOOR.
PLEASE LEAVE IT OPEN FOR ME!
THANKS FOR TODAY.
EACH OF YOU CAN TAKE HOME A SLICE OF THE LEFTOVER CAKE .
COOL!

That's...
ISN'T THIS A LEFTOVER, TOO?
MINE!
Gush
Lately, he's also been saving one for himself
Re-ally?
GO ON HOME! THANKS FOR YOUR WORK TODAY!
THANKS BOSS, BYE—
HEY— DON'T BE SHY!
KANO-SAN, THAT ONE IS FOR YOUR GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
COMB COMB
straighten
準備中
CLOSED

K-chak
ba-thump
He's here!
OTOWA-SAN ALWAYS LIKES HIS COFFEE DARK AND BITTER,
SO I SHOULD BLEND 2 BRAZILIANS AND 1 INDIAN COFFEE BEANS ...

HI!
A BLEND AND A SLICE OF CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH ORANGE SAUCE, PLEASE!

Clink
HERE YOU GO.
OH! ♡
SO, CAN I COME DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOUR?
THAT'S FINE.. BUT..
You rather we're alone?
.....
////
JUST LIKE THE OTHER DAY, YOU ALSO HAPPENED TO HAVE LEFTOVERS?
Chomp
Yummy
I SEE,
IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT WE HAVE LEFTOVERS TODAY.
END

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SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
IS THIS THE DESSERT FOR THE NEW MENU?
YES, IT'S BELGIAN PASTRY ...
IS IT OKAY—
IF I COME OVER TO YOUR PLACE TONIGHT?
.....
SURE ..
blush
IS THAT THE CAFE WHERE OTOWA HAS BEEN FREQUENTING?
WHAT A QUAINT PLACE.

ALTHOUGH IT'S UNSIGHTLY TO SEE THAT BASTARD SNIFFING AROUND MY TURF,
HIS BEING HERE MEANS HIS MAIN SHOP SENT HIM!
SHOULD I CONTINUE TO TAIL HIM?
YES, PLEASE DO.
I'M LATE!
For instance
It's interesting the older I get, the smaller my wishes have become!
though trivial,
ding dong
I HAVE TO HURRY AND MAKE DINNER.
just the pleasure of seeing that person I long to see,

YOU'RE EARLY.
WELCOME!
can make me
YO...
embarrassingly giddy like a kid!
I JUST GOT HOME ...
SO I CAN ONLY MAKE SOMETHING SIMPLE FOR DINNER.
THAT'S FINE WITH ME.

...YOU'VE HUGE DARK CIRCLES UNDER YOU EYES!
WHY DON'T YOU GET SOME SHUT-EYE WHILE I COOK?
ANYTHING YOU MAKE IS DELICIOUS!
FLOP
BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SLEEP NOW THAT I FINALLY GET TO SEE YOU!
HOW ABOUT A STORY INSTEAD?
What are you? A kid!?
TELL ME ANYTHING, I JUST WANNA HEAR YOUR VOICE. .

WELL, I ALREADY TOLD YOU MY FAMILY ALSO OWNS A CAFE.
chop chop
A DIAMONDBACKS FRANCHISE. .
OH! THEY JUST CAME OUT WITH A POPULAR SWEET. .
HOW ABOUT YOU, OTOWA-SAN? TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF. .
HEY, HAVE YOU FALLEN ASLEEP...?
WITH BELGIAN CHOCOLATE.
—WHICH IS WHAT I MADE FOR DESSERT TODAY!
!

LOOKS DELICIOUS.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'M STILL CHOPPING HERE.
WHO SAYS I'M TALKING ABOUT FOOD? I MEAN YOU!
ESPECIALLY WITH THIS APRON. IT'S QUITE A TURN ON!
Nnn
Nnn
Wait!
OTOWA-SAN...
AS FOR THE APRON ...
PINCH

I ALWAYS WEAR IT AT WORK!
AND IT'S JUST AS TEMPTING!
EXCEPT, I CAN'T GET MY HANDS ON YOU THERE!
Hey... I'm still cooking here!...
SLIP
SWISH
Hey!
GRAB
OTOWA-SAN

LET'S HAVE A COOKING CONTEST!
I'LL BORROW THIS.
EH?
TO SEE WHO CAN COOK FASTER,
YOU OR ME?
Pop
THAT'S STUPID..
Hya!
POUR
St...
Stop...
Slide
HEY, IF YOU DON'T HURRY...
Hya!
quiver
quiver

NO..
I'M ALMOST DONE WITH MY PREP WORK DOWN HERE!
WAY..
WHAT SHOULD I FEAST ON FIRST?
HMM...
squish
Oh, God!
...Ugh!
Oh... yeah!

THEN
ME FIRST...
I'LL HELP MYSELF.
Due to my strain back,
Otowa-san ended up making fried rice for our dinner.

.....
Definitely in the morning, I'll make breakfast,
CLENCH
and give him the toothbrush and necktie I bought!
.....
WIGGLE WIGGLE
then I'll...
...MUST BE UNCOMFORTABLE SLEEPING NEXT TO SOMEONE ..
WHO HOGS YOUR BED ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE NOT USE TO IT.
mutter
...CAN'T SLEEP?
IT'S FINE.
PERFECTLY FINE!

flustered
GOOD!
grin
Contrary to feeling uncomfortable,
Squeeze
they all make me feel safe and content
Otowa-san's big, warm body
and his big hands that gently caress my back,
chirp chirp

SITS UP
DAMN!
GASP
.....

HE'S ALWAYS GONE BEFORE I'M AWAKE, LET ALONE MAKE HIM BREAKFAST.
KLANK
Otowa-san always leaves stealthily...
before I could even
HEY, YOU'RE IN EARLY AGAIN TODAY!
.....
I MISSED MY CHANCE AGAIN TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE SPARE KEY.
GRIP

Who are you, the fashion police?
ISN'T THIS THE TIE YOU WERE WEARING YESTERDAY?

OTOWA,
show him the necktie and toothbrush!

WHY DO YOU ASK?
Hoist
You wash your feet in the sink?
YOU'RE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION ON TAKING DOWN THOSE LAND SHARKS, RIGHT? IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

WOW! WHAT A DISGRACE!

YOU KNOW THOSE LAND SHARKS ARE TIED TO THE HASHIMOTO CORP.
splash
splash

ALL I'M SAYING IS BETTER WATCH OUT
FOR YAZAKI.
Yazaki...
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
KLINK
NO PROBLEM, THANKS!
stare
.....?
kchak

You! What are you doing here...?

WELCOME.

Ahh!

.....
Eh?
Eh?
PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.

Eh?
WHAT A SURPRISE!

OI!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HEY!
WANNA HAZARD A GUESS AS TO WHAT OUR RELATIONSHIP IS?
OTOWA-SAN..?
.....
YOU MUST BE ONE OF HIS DETECTIVE COLLEAGUES.. RIGHT?
SINCE YOU HAVE THE SAME AURA AS OTOWA-SAN.
ERRR..
.....
CAN I HAVE SOME COFFEE, PLEASE.
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR OTOWA HERE!
BINGO!

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SCARE HIM OFF,
NOT TODAY!
NO DESSERT?
YES, THANKS.
YOUR USUAL?
grinning
YOU'D BETTER WORK WITH ME
AND GET OUR STORIES STRAIGHT!
WHY? I WAS THIRSTY SO I CAME IN!
...THIS COFFEE IS REALLY GOOD.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
.....
HE MUST BE AN OPEN AND HONEST PERSON!
IF THIS IS AN INDICATION OF HIS CHARACTER,
clink
IT HAS A REFRESHING TASTE!

THAT'S NOT THE COFFEE YOU SHOULD BE DRINKING.
THEREFORE,
THAT IS, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE.
THEN, YOU BETTER NOT DRINK THIS EITHER,
Swirl
I FORGOT TO ASK BUT WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR COLLEAGUE?
.....

SO, WHAT'S HIS NAME..?
DON'T GO ANYWHERE NEAR HIM!
clatter
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF HE COMES BY AGAIN.
OK.
DOES HE COME TO THE CAFE OFTEN?
NO, YESTERDAY WAS THE FIRST TIME.
WHAT THE HELL!
I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU!
SNAP
GOT IT!?
GLARE
You always interrogate me but never say anything about yourself!
You never tell me anything significant!
ORDERS ...?
You've always been like this, Otowa-san!

Even if you do stay over, you sneak out before the crack of dawn!
Are we together or...
Drip
.....
SLAM
CLICK
...PLEASE LEAVE.
.....
PUSH!
Now!
Oi...
PUSH!
Just go away!

Otowa-san is totally unaffected!

I'm the only one who gets all worked up!

He never gives out anything of himself

nor does he leave anything behind!

he never exists!
BOSS, THAT'S A BLUE MOUNTAIN
NOT KILIMANJARO ..
Argh!
pour
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU TODAY?
YOU KEEP MAKING MISTAKES
SORRY ..
You even forgot to change the filter
stare
WELCOME
kebek
I must pull myself together at work!
PLEASE GIVE ME WHAT I HAD LAST TIME.

I CAN'T STAY AWAY, OWNER-SAN.
YOU'RE...
A HUGE FAN OF YOUR COFFEE!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
...AS MUCH AS IT IS DELICIOUS,
THIS ISN'T WHAT I HAD BEFORE...
GLOOM
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
Huh?

...I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS BUT...
OH, BY THE WAY, WHAT DID OTOWA SAY ABOUT ME?
DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH OTOWA-SAN?
IS THAT WHAT HE TOLD YOU?
HE'S EQUALLY TIGHT-LIPPED ABOUT HIS WORK!
NOT A THING
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT OTOWA-SAN?
EH?
IT'S PART AND PARCEL OF THE JOB. A LOOSE-TONGUE DETECTIVE IS UNTRUSTWORTHY.
Equally tight-lipped... I see...
YOU CAN SAY WE *TOLERATE* EACH OTHER AT WORK!

ER...
I CAN TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW
BUT THIS ISN'T A GOOD PLACE, IS IT?
WHY DON'T WE GO SOMEWHERE?
DON'T GO ANYWHERE NEAR HIM!
.....
But this is a chance for me to learn about Otowa-san.
LET'S GO.
WELCOME.

?
ER, WHERE'S THE OWNER?
HE'S BEEN OUT SINCE THIS AFTERNOON
WITH A GOOD-LOOKING GUY.
WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?
HE WEARS GLASSES AND... OH YEAH...
THAT GUY HAS THE SAME AURA AS YOU, OTOWA-SAN...
Hashimoto Corporation may I help you?

YO, OTOWA, WHAT'S UP?
Is he alright?
FOR NOW.
THIS IS OTOWA OF SAKURADA CORP, GET ME YAZAKI!
NOW!
BAM
I swear I'll show you no mercy if you do anything to harm him!
SHINK
THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING ..

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Part II

I'll do anything to get him back!

What business do you have sniffing around here?
What is it to you! Are you a cop?
I WANT TO KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND YAZAKI!
DON'T FUCK WITH ME!
You have a warrant?
TELL ME WHERE HE IS NOW!
FINE! I'LL SEND SOMEONE OVER SHORTLY!
But, Yazaki-san... he already hit 3 shops!
AT THE MAIN SHOP OR THE BRANCH?
HE DIDN'T BREAK ANYTHING, DID HE?

Where is this place...?
.....
WHAT ABDUCTION? THAT'S ABSURD I DID NO SUCH THING!
Otowa-san's colleague ...
THAT'S WHY HE COULDN'T PRODUCE A WARRANT
EVEN FOR A YAKUZA LIKE ME!
That's right, I agreed to come with him...
I HAVEN'T VIOLATED ANY LAWS
HE'S GRASPING AT STRAWS! HE'LL SAY ANYTHING!
OH,
YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE!
EH...!?

STILL CAN'T MOVE?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE SENSITIVE TO THE DRUG, SORRY.
YOU'RE ...?
CREAK
A YAKUZA ...?
.....
YOU DIDN'T HEAR THAT!
OR ELSE,

OTOWA!
COME HERE FOR A SECOND!
YOU WON'T BE GOING HOME!
You bastard, what the fuck do you think you're doing!?
The Sakaguchi clan of the west and the Gokai of the east are finally coming to the table to talk...
and here you are about to trigger a dispute!!
I DON'T REALLY GIVE A SHIT!
...IF YOU'RE DONE DELIVERING YAZAKI'S MESSAGE,
THEN FUCK OFF!
IN RETURN, I'LL KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT ABOUT YOU ACCEPTING HIS BRIBES.
TSK
...DAMN!
YOU KNOW THE "S" WHO SENT YAZAKI TO HIBERNATION?
IF HE DOESN'T KNOW YAZAKI'S NUMBER,

UHM... EXCUSE ME...
WHAT EXACTLY IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTOWA-SAN?
THEN IT'S GAME OVER!
I'M CHECKING...
FOR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
WHY ARE YOU TAKING OFF MY CLOTHES...?
WELL?
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TO HIM.
JUST LIKE HOW YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT OTOWA.

HE NEVER TELLS ME ANYTHING!
'WHAT AM I TO HIM'...? YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE.
—LIKE ME... I NEVER TELL ANYTHING
THAT YOU'RE IMPORTANT TO HIM!
NOT TELLING IS A SIGN
IF YOU DON'T TELL THAT PERSON ANYTHING !?
TO THE PERSON WHO'S MOST IMPORTANT TO ME...
Do you think we're dolls!?
HOW CAN YOU CLAIM THAT PERSON IS IMPORTANT TO YOU
THEN...

IF THE PRICE OF KNOWING
IS LOSING EVERYTHING,
WOULD YOU STILL WANT TO KNOW?
GRAB

...I BET YOU WANNA SAY, "HOW DARE YOU SHOW YOUR FACE TO ME!"
...BUT I NEED A FAVOR... YOSHINO!
OTOWA..
...SAN?
I'M SORRY.
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, I DON'T KNOW YAZAKI'S NUMBER.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT...?
BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T CALLED HIM!
YES, HE DOES! HE JUST NEVER USES IT..
YAZAKI DOESN'T HAVE A CELL PHONE.

YOU KNOW THE NUMBER
OF THE PHONE HE CARRIES NEXT TO HIS HEART!
.....
...DID YOU TALK TO YAZAKI, OTOWA-SAN?
I BEG YOU!
PLEASE, YOSHINO,
YAZAKI IS HOLDING SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO ME.
JUST THIS ONCE!

SCREECH
YOSHINO!

SORRY, BUT I CAN'T HELP.
I'M ALREADY FED UP WITH THE BOTH OF YOU!

Forget it,
I was here first!
Joke!!

YOSHINO-SAN?
WOULD YOU COME WITH US,
WE WANT TO KNOW WHERE TO FIND YAZAKI OF THE HASHIMOTO CORP.

Klunk
Shit, the Sakurada is already on the move!
Vroom...
YOU GUYS ARE WITH THE SAKAGUCHI, RIGHT?
POLICE
IF YOU TAKE ONE MORE STEP,
I'LL PUT YOU UNDER ARREST FOR ALTERCATION WITH A POLICE OFFICER.
.....
WHY IS THE SAGAGUCHI CLAN LOOKING FOR YAZAKI?
I REALLY HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!
YOSHINO?

I don't want to know ANYTHING anymore!
YOSHINO..
I've no... strength!
...STOP IT...
jolt
IT'S ALL ABOUT "S"...
OTOWA TOOK AWAY SOMETHING FROM ME...
IN THE PROCESS OF RECLAIMING IT, IT GOT BROKEN!

HE BROKE WHAT'S MINE
UNTIL IT'S FIXED, I CAN'T TOUCH IT.
BUT IF I CAN'T TOUCH IT, I CAN'T FIX IT!
GRAB
AN EYE FOR AN EYE!
SO I'LL BREAK WHAT'S HIS.
KNOCK KNOCK
YAZAKI-SAN
Please stop!
No!
IT'S ONLY FAIR, DON'T YOU THINK?

...IS IT TIME ALREADY?
YES, SO YOU BETTER WRAP IT UP.
ALL RIGHT!
OH WELL—
AS MUCH AS I WANT TO CONTINE THIS, I MUST GO.
TO RETALIATE, I WAS GOING TO RUIN YOU AND SEND YOU BACK TO HIM.
NOW... THIS WILL BE MY SECOND REGRET!
.....
WHAT'S THE FIRST?
YOU GOT GUTS...
SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY?
TELL ME!
HOW CHEEKY OF YOU!

TO RECLAIM WHAT'S MINE!
THE FIRST BEING. .
YOSHINO.
Flinch
PROMISED TO LEAVE ME ALONE UNTIL HIS LAST MOMENT
YAZAKI. .
HE WANTS TO HEAR MY VOICE ONE LAST TIME BEFORE HE DIES
THAT'S WHAT THE CELL PHONE IS FOR
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY NOT WANTING TO KNOW ANYMORE?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
.....

THAT GUY IS A COWARD!
HE'S SAVING IT AS A LAST RESORT TO GAIN MY FORGIVENESS!
AS IF I WOULD FALL FOR THAT!
.....
HE'S NOT THE ONLY COWARD...
I THOUGHT I WAS AFRAID OF FRIGHTENING MY LOVER...
BUT THE TRUTH IS—
I'M SCARED THAT HE'D LOATHE ME IF HE REALLY KNOWS ME
RIGHT AFTER HE REBUKED ME FOR NOT TELLING HIM ANYTHING,
HE WAS KIDNAPPED BY YAZAKI, ONLY THEN, DID I REALIZE

I WOULD GLADLY TELL HIM EVERYTHING HE WANTS TO KNOW .. I DON'T WANNA HAVE ANY MORE REGRETS
EVEN IF HE DECIDES TO BREAK UP WITH ME BECAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT.
SORRY, THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
I APOLOGIZE FOR DRAGGING YOU INTO THIS.
LOOKS LIKE YAZAKI HAS SET THE STAGE OF HIS DEATH DURING THE MEETING WITH THE SAKAGUCHI.
I'LL HEAD THERE NEXT.
PLEASE WAIT, OTOWA-SAN!

I WANT A CHANCE TO SAVE... YAZAKI.
I'LL GIVE YOU YAZAKI'S CELL NUMBER.
IN RETURN I WANT YOU TO TAKE ME WITH YOU.
PLEASE WAIT!
THE DRUG WILL WEAR OFF SHORTLY, SO WATCH OUT, HE MAY BECOME VIOLENT LIKE A CAT IN THE WATER.
WHEN THE TIME COMES, TAKE HIM BACK TO THE CAFE.
"That thing"?
YAZAKI-SAN, WHAT DO WE DO WITH THAT THING?
Wiggle
UNDER-STOOD.
SO BE CAREFUL.

.....
OTOWA IS A LUCKY BASTARD
chuckle
Is Otowa-san safe?
I'll go after you, if you do anything to Otowa-san!!
R R R R R R R R
EH—
BECAUSE SAKURADA HAS MADE THEIR MOVE!
SEEMS LIKE SAKAGUCHI POSTPONED IT
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
Yazaki-san, the meeting has been cancelled!
R R R R R R R R R R R R

Yazaki
—YOSHINO?
.....
Where are you now?
I want to make sure I know where to pick up your bones
SORRY FOR STILL BEING ALIVE AND KICKING
I'LL BE FINE.
GO!
YOSHINO...
I'D HURRY IF I WERE YOU.
YAZAKI...
YOU SHOULD GET TO THE CAFE.

SORRY... AND THANKS!
YOSHINO
NOW THAT YOU'VE RETURNED, I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO AGAIN. . IS THAT OK WITH YOU?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU I'M HERE TO PICK UP YOUR BONES?
TILL YOU DIE, I'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE.
—The older I am, the smaller my wishes have become.
Therefore—
BAM
KANO! WHERE ARE YOU !!

THAT YOU GOT DRAG INTO THIS...
Slap
IT'S BECAUSE I REFUSE TO TELL YOU ABOUT YAZAKI
I'M SORRY, THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
sigh
Smack
Smack
Smack
Smack
I MAY BE USELESS TO HELP, BUT I STILL WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU, OTOWA-SAN.
—MORE IMPORTANTLY
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU NOW UNDERSTAND,

I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE SAFE
smile
AND HERE WITH ME...
EVEN THOUGH I'VE NO CLUE WHAT'S GOING ON, IF SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED TO YOU, I WOULD...
.....
OTOWA-SAN...?
I'M THE USELESS ONE!
AND I PUT YOU IN DANGER!
THEREFORE,

I WOULD COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND IF YOU WANT TO BREAK UP..
Break up!? Just like that!? I should hit you harder to pound some sense in that thick head of yours!!
smuggle
...PLEASE DON'T EVER SAY THAT.
INSTEAD SAY, "LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MYSELF."
ALRIGHT..
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT,
LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MYSELF
OTOWA-SAN
SORRY..
Even trivial matters have great importance!
CREAK
CREAK

SOMETIMES, I'D LIKE TO BE AN EQUAL PARTNER.
Pant
OTOWA-SAN.
HMM?
UHM..
HUH?

—ARE YOU SURE? DON'T FORCE YOURSELF.
I'M... FINE...
SUCK
Hard as I try, I can't put the whole thing in my mouth.
SLURP
SUCK
YOU WANT AN EQUAL PARTNER, RIGHT?
SO I CAN DO THE SAME?
WHY DON'T YOU TURN YOUR BODY TO ME
But...
That's not what I meant!

this feels like he's still taking the lead as usual ...
Ah!
Otowa-san!
Oh, no!
I'm about to...
Jolt
.....
Gulp
He swallowed it. The saliva, that is.
THAT'S SO NOT EQUAL —!
OKAY, THIS TIME FOR SURE.

WE'LL COME TOGETHER.
...NOT EQUAL PARTNERSHIP.
DON'T SAY SUCH STUPID THINGS.
Ah...
Ah!
Otowa-san..
This is also...

ACTUALLY, I'M THE ONE RECEIVING TOO MUCH!
Clatter
GETS UP
Damn, not again!
.....
WERE YOU CALLING ME?
Rush
OTOWA-SAN..
quiver
quiver
OTOWA-SAN, OTOWA-SAN...

OTOWA-SAN!
FROM NOW ON, I'LL WAKE YOU
BEFORE I LEAVE...
HOLD ON!
I'VE A TOOTHBRUSH AND A CHANGE OF TIE FOR YOU.
...YOU HATE THEM?
Truth be told, I'm not used to this
NO, IT JUST FEELS LIKE WE'RE LIVING TOGETHER.
THEN, LET'S MAKE IT FOR REAL!
HERE'S A SPARE KEY.
END

Regardless the means, he always cajoles his preys until they've fallen into his trap!
YOSHINO, COME HERE.
This man,
no matter how refined he looks in his expensively tailored suit, is still a ruthless yakuza underneath!
Lost in the Sweet Darkness
AND
I should've learned my lesson of that particular talent of his!
Says the spider to the fly!
YET—

甘く闇にみだれて
Lost in the Sweet Darkness

Kchak
THIS PLACE IS A SAFE HAVEN.
YOSHINO,
I didn't know he has this place.
IT'S NOW YOUR PLACE.
I BOUGHT IT FOR YOU.
HERE'S THE CARD KEY.
YOU'LL BE PROTECTED HERE.
TOSS

IF YOU DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH ME HERE, I CAN LEAVE..
WITH THE MEETING CANCELLED, ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE.
SO FOR NOW, I DON'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE THIS ROOM.
...YOSHINO?
DON'T YOU WANT ME?

YAZAKI. .
PLEASE DON'T GO!
IF—
YOU WANT TO MAKE IT UP TO ME,
THEN HOLD ME!
Back then...

I used to trust Yazaki.
NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M YOSHINO.
THIS IS OUR INVESTOR, YAZAKI-SAN PLEASE PAY YOUR RESPECTS TO HIM
YAZAKI-SAN, THIS IS THE GUY I'VE BEEN TALKING TO YOU ABOUT.
He has a peculiar appeal,
THE FUNDS YOU PICKED HAVE MADE US RICH
I'VE HEARD YOU'RE A WHIZ WITH MONEY!
that makes people naturally turn to him—
IF IT WAS YOU YOSHINO-SAN. I'M CONFIDENT MY INVESTMENT IS IN GOOD
Thanks to Yazaki, we're never short of money to invest.
However, there's one catch—

UNDER-STOOD—
OH?
GET ME ANOTHER COMPANY TO INVEST.
I'VE RAISED ANOTHER COUPLE MILLION.
Kchak
ARE YOU IN A BAD MOOD, YOSHINO?
NOT REALLY,
I'M JUST BUSY.
BUT I'M FREE TODAY.
CAN YOU GET OFF?

HOW ABOUT LATER?
BUT IF YOU'RE BUSY,
I KNOW I'VE BEEN BUSY LATELY
LET ME MAKE IT UP TO YOU TODAY...
TONIGHT— I'M FREE
IT'S OTOWA-SAN ...
Lunch at the usual spot.
THEN, I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT.
vibrate
vibrate
vibrate

OUR COMPANY IS LEGIT.
YAZAKI HAS ALREADY LEFT THE YAKUZA.
PLEASE STOP CALLING ME OUT LIKE THIS.
I HAVE NOTHING TO TELL YOU, OTOWA-SAN.
HE CAN EAT YOU ALIVE WITH A POLITE SMILE.
.YOSHINO, NO MATTER WHAT FACADE HE PUTS ON, THAT GUY IS STILL A YAKUZA
SO OTOWA-SAN, IF THE COMPANY SEVERED ITS TIES WITH YAZAKI,
YOU THINK YOU COULD MAKE UP THE MONEY HE BROUGHT IN?

—I'M SORRY, I KNOW YOU'RE JUST WORRIED ABOUT ME...
THE TRUTH IS, I REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YAZAKI ASIDE FROM OUR BUSINESS DEALINGS
.....
.....
SOONER OR LATER, YOU'RE GONNA NEED HELP SO IT'S BEST TO COOPERATE NOW
Squish
Squish
JUST A FRIENDLY ADVICE, YOU SHOULD BREAK IT OFF WITH HIM WITHOUT DELAY, YOSHINO
I WON'T LET YOU TREAT ME
HOLD IT!
GRAB
SORRY FOR TAKING YOUR TIME

Sooner or later, all hell would break loose.
Snap
VERY WELL!
.....
I had sensed the pending storm.
But,
.....
I had already fallen for Yazaki
YOSHINO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OTOWA?
...What ...?

WASN'T HE YOUR SENPAI IN HIGH SCHOOL? IS HE YOUR TYPE?
EH. ? WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE SILLY QUESTIONS
ALL OF A SUDDEN. .?
Nudge
Ugh!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? I WANT TO KNOW IF OTOWA HAS DONE THIS?
IF IT'S SEX, I'M MUCH BETTER, DON'T YOU AGREE?
Hya!
THRUST
IN OTHER WORDS, HAVE YOU HAD SEX WITH HIM?
WELL—

NEXT TIME YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL WHEN YOU GIVE HIM YOUR BODY WHILE PASSING ON INFORMATION ABOUT ME
Slump
...HUH?
COME ON, ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING? SATISFYING YOUR BODY WITH ME
AND GIVING YOUR HEART TO HIM?
YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE FOOLS OF PEOPLE
YOU KNOW
GET DRESS, YOSHINO LET'S GO FOR A DRIVE.

OTOWA-SAN!
YAZAKI. .!
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A COP DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO TAKE WHAT'S MINE!
YOSHINO
AND YOU— YOSHINO.
WHAT HAVE YOU SNITCHED ABOUT ME?
YAZAKI .
IS THIS HOW YOU REPAY MY GENEROSITY?

NOT A THING!
I thought you left the yakuza!
COCK
You never told me ANYTHING!
I've NOTHING to tell!
Or is that another lie!? Like I thought you're a man of honor!?

Yoshino, stop!
LET GO!
!
DASH
BANG
It'll be all right, Yoshino!

You'll be fine, I didn't hit anything vital.
DON'T TALK!
PRESS DOWN YOUR SIDE!
REMAIN CALM...
I DIDN'T TELL HIM ANYTHING ...
HOW I WISH ..
YOU WOULD BELIEVE ME ..
I SAID DON'T TALK!

..OTOWA TOLD ME
YA .ZAKI
YOSHINO ..
.....
YOU REALLY DIDN'T BETRAY ME
I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING
I...
YAZAKI.

Since the shooting was reported as an accident,
Yazaki was only charged with illegal possession of firearms
and sentenced to 3 years in jail.

That would have been my chance to make a clean break from him,
but in the end, I couldn't walk away...

instead I've kept our connection alive
by hanging on to Yazaki's cell phone number—
Haa
Haa
LET ME... DO IT.
WHAT'S WRONG?
SUCH GOOD SERVICE.

...YOU WANT ME THAT MUCH?
suck
slurp
grab
YOU'VE BECOME SURPRISINGLY AGGRESSIVE.
.....
Fu
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

YOU'VE ENSNARED ME!
IT'S MY REVENGE
Heh!
SO YOU WANT TO MAKE ME FALL FOR YOU?
Gulp
OI! WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT, YOSHINO?
YOU'RE STILL AS SENSITIVE AS ALWAYS
Jolt
THAT COULD BE FUN!

...IS THIS THE SCAR FROM THAT TIME. .?
Nnn. no
Don't
quiver
quiver
SUCK
SUPPOSED TO ENSARE ME WITH YOUR BODY?
Jolt
NO... NOT .. THAT PLACE ..
YOSHINO .. AREN'T YOU
YOU STILL HAVE TO CARRY OUT YOUR THREAT!
SPREAD

Wait
a minute
--
squish
squish
suck
WHILE I TOUCH YOUR LUSTY BODY SEE?
drip
NOT WITH YOU MAKING SUCH LOVELY SOUNDS
I CAN'T!
Yazaki...
come... ahh... together!
Tremble Tremble
Ah!
No...
I want to...

THRUST
Ah!
Hya... Ah!
No...
Good...
RAH
RAH
No... not that place
...so... good!
No...
WHICH IS IT?
THRUST

Hya...
Jolt
Hnn...
—HAVE YOU ALREADY GIVEN UP, YOSHINO?
HOW DO YOU PLAN ON ENSNARING ME?
SPLURT
SPLURT
HUH?
YAZAKI.
IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING,
I NO LONGER NEED YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER.
FROM NOW ON—

I'LL LATCH ON TO YOU LIKE A LEECH UNTIL YOU DIE.
AND THAT'S MY REVENGE.
IT SERVES YOU RIGHT... HMM...?
KISS
MY.. THAT'S QUITE A VICIOUS REVENGE,
YOSHINO.

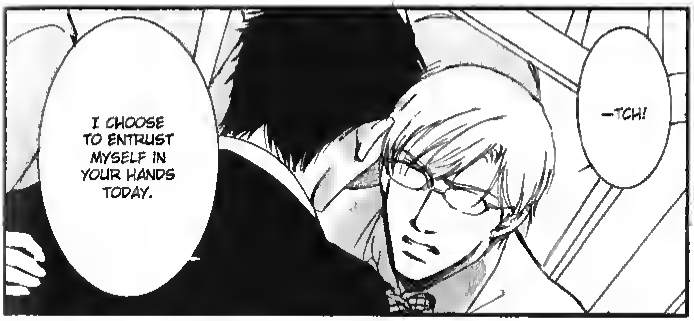
YOU'VE DEFINITELY
ATTACKED MY GREATEST WEAKNESS!
END

その手で
If I Could Touch You
触れられると
SORRY FOR ASKING YOU TO SEE ME HOME.
IT'S NOTHING... I'M GOING IN THE SAME DIRECTION ANYWAY.

"I LIKE YOU, ISUZU."

Sway
Sway
Irk
Oi...
Watch it...
STAGGER
Kaidou confessed to me 6 months ago.
GRAB
COME HERE!
Slump
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, KAIDOU!
YOU CAN HOLD YOUR LIQUOR BETTER THAN THIS!

—THAT'S USUALLY THE CASE; HOWEVER,


I CHOOSE TO ENTRUST MYSELF IN YOUR HANDS TODAY.
—TCH!

jolt
NOW. .

NORMALLY .. YOU CAN'T GET DRUNK NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DRANK
IT WAS ALWAYS ME WHO GOT WASTED AND DISGRACED MYSELF.

PINCH
press
press
whisper
...Stop teasing me!
NOT ME—
twitch
WHAT!?
Clench
...THE HELL...

SQUEEZE
.....
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN TEASING ME, ISUZU.

jolt
SLIP

.....
UNZIP
RUSTLE
twitch
Giggle
EH, NO WAY... ARE THEY?
LOOK OVER THERE!
HEY! LOOK AT THOSE TWO!

THEY HAVE SOME NERVE TO ACTUALLY DO IT RIGHT HERE IN THE TRAIN!
I THOUGHT THOSE GOSSIPS ON THE NET WERE BOGUS!
SO THERE ARE PERVERTS WHO ENJOY DOING IT HERE!
YEAH— WHAT AN UNINHIBITED COUPLE!
exhale
Kaidou!
UNLESS YOU WANT TO MAKE A SCENE?
DON'T FIGHT ME!
Get your hand off my pants now!
Whisper
NO..

Urgh...
snicker
Sto...p!
twitch
Hnn...
fondle
tremble
GATAK

SHOVE

Pshhh

STAGGER

GRAB

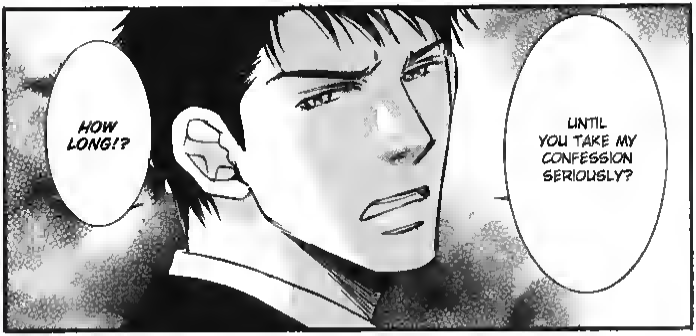
Ugh!
WOBBLE

NO!
LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
DON'T TOUCH ME!
WHERE I CAN...
SHUT UP!
LET ME TAKE YOU TO THE BATHROOM
YOU CAN'T JUST SIT HERE ALL NIGHT

GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!
I DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF HELP! —JUST GO AWAY!
IF ONLY—
YOU HAD MADE YOUR FEELINGS CLEAR FROM THE START, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.

HOW MUCH LONGER
MUST I WAIT

BUT YOU DIDN'T!
YOU THOUGHT THIS WHOLE THING WAS A JOKE!


HOW LONG!?
UNTIL YOU TAKE MY CONFESSION SERIOUSLY?

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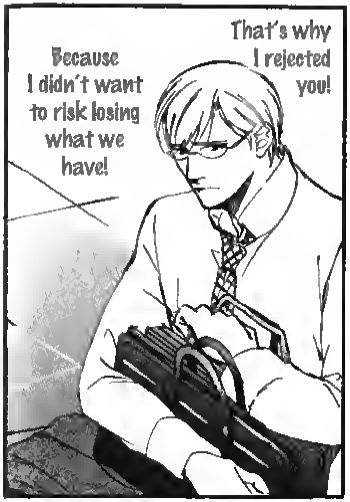


So I thought I'm handling it with extreme caution... in a way.

KAIDOU?
.....
.....
WHAT?
YOU'RE MY BEST COLLEAGUE!
Uhn?
Hnn...
Nnn!
Nnn...

I MEANT I DESIRE YOU AS A LOVER!
CUT IT OUT! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING...?
ISUZU!
PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT AND LET ME KNOW YOUR ANSWER
WHETHER YOU WANT ME OR NOT
HEY— YOU THERE!
.....

DON'T WORRY WE'LL KEEP YOU COMPANY IN PLACE OF THAT GUY.
NO WAY— THAT WAS YOU!?
WHAT? HAD A LOVERS' SPAT?
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE DOING H-STUFF IN THE TRAIN?
LOOK!
HAND OVER YOUR MONEY!
BUT FIRST,
OI!
Stop it!
I LEFT MY BAG WITH HIM
DAMN, I FORGOT.
AH!

Ow!
STRAIN
STRAIN
Get your grabby hands off Isuzu!
What the hell are you doing!?
Bastards!
DON'T TRY TO BE TOUGH!
Great!
OH LOOKIE HERE, THE BOYFRIEND IS BACK.
FAIR WARNING THOUGH, I JUST GOT DUMPED, SO I'M IN A REALLY BAD MOOD RIGHT NOW.
WHETHER I'M TOUGH OR NOT, IS REALLY NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

KAIDOU...
BUT IF YOU'RE DYING TO KNOW,
I CAN SHOW YOU BY BEATING YOU ALL TO A PULP!
What's going on here!?
Hey there!
HERE GOES!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? ANY INJURIES?
Cops! Run!
Damn!

GOOD GRIEF, IT'S A FALSE ALARM.
MY FRIEND HERE IS A BIT DRUNK AND ABOUT TO THROW UP, SO PLEASE EXCUSE US.
WE'RE ALL RIGHT, JUST GOT PICKED ON A LITTLE BIT.
.....
KAIDOU, YOU'RE TOO RECKLESS
FIGHTING AGAINST THAT MANY PEOPLE...
清掃中
SIGN: CLEANING IN PROGRESS
YOU'RE A WORKING ADULT..
DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME?
OF COURSE.
WE'VE BEEN HANGING OUT SINCE WE STARTED AS NEW EMPLOYEES.
—BUT I SWEAR IF YOU PULL ANOTHER STUNT LIKE THAT, I'D SEVERE ALL TIES WITH YOU! GOT IT, TOUGH GUY!?

SMIRK
IS THAT RIGHT?
SHOULD I DARE HOPE?
untie
SWISH
EH...?
LET ME VERIFY.
KAIDOU...?
jolt

WHAT'S THE BOUNDARY IN OUR RELATIONSHIP?
HOW FAR CAN I PUSH?
CAN I TOUCH YOU?
Shudder
Ugh
HOW IS IT?
I DON'T MIND IF IT'S JUST TOUCHING...
THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS?
WELL..
DOES IT FEEL BAD?
NOT THAT IT'S BAD..
Are you still drunk?

PINCH
CAN I TOUCH HERE?
THEN,
That place is...
shudder
a little bit...bad
GRAB
HERE.
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE STILL ACHING DOWN HERE, AREN'T YOU?
Nnn.

Nnn...
Stop!
jolt
Nnn
...
Ugh..
shiver
.....
IS IT GOOD?
OR BAD?

GRIN
SHALL I CONTINUE?
nod
Ha!
Nnn
...
...HOW CAN YOU...
..STAY ...SO CALM?
TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT CALM AT ALL.
lick
WILL YOU GO ALONG WITH ME FOR A BIT MORE?
.....

.....
slide
slide
IF I SAY I HATE IT, YOU'LL STOP, OKAY?
GOT IT, JUST GIVE IT A CHANCE THOUGH...
shiver
HOW'S THIS?
DOES IT HURT?
SQUISH
SQUISH
shudder
shudder
Shut up!
shudder
GOD, YOUR INSIDE IS SO INCREDIBLY HOT...
I THINK YOU'RE READY.
quiver
quiver
Ugh..
Sto..
GRAB

That's enough...
I'LL DO IT SLOWLY, PLEASE BEAR WITH IT.
I CAN'T STOP NOW.
Fu!
You said...
Ah...
Hya!
You promised
THRUST
THRUST
PUSH
Ahh!
TWITCH
Hya!

GRIP
Ah...
Kaidou
..
SO.. HAVE WE FIGURED OUT OUR BOUNDARY?
YOU
..
BACK GAVE OUT
—IF WE STILL DON'T KNOW..
MAYBE WE SHOULD KEEP TRYING UNTIL WE FIND OUT, WHAT DO YOU SAY?
WHAT?
END

ON THE EVE OF THE GREAT WAR,
THE BEGINNING OF THE SHOWA ERA(1926)
LOOKING FOR THE NEWSPAPER?
或る大層な恋
A Mansion of Love

WE'RE THE SPECIAL HIGHER POLICE*.
CAN WE TALK TO YOU?
wave
wave
WE GOT IT RIGHT HERE!
*Special Higher Police was a police force established in 1911 in Japan specifically to investigate and control political groups and ideologies deemed to be a threat to public order.
.....
WOULD YOU MIND COMING OUT?
WE CAN'T GO THROUGH THESE GATES DUE TO REGULATIONS.
YOUR MASTER MIGHT ALSO GET IN TROUBLE, YOU KNOW?
IF YOU REFUSE TO COOPERATE,
WE JUST WANT TO HAVE A CHAT WITH YOU.

crunch
SHIZUKI-SAMA.
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT! STAY WHERE YOU ARE, AOI!
YOU RABID DOGS! HOW DARE YOU LOITER MY BACK GATE!
IT MAY BE FINE WITH YOU NOT HAVING ANY MANNERS, BUT I HAVE A REPUTATION UPHOLD!

BEG YOUR PARDON, SIR! WE'RE MERELY HAVING A NICE CHAT.
HOWEVER, HAVING THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE HIMSELF CHASING OUT DOGS,
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, IS RATHER ODD!
THAT'S RIGHT! I AM ODD!
click
AND I MIGHT JUST SHOOT SOME DOGS TO PROVE IT!

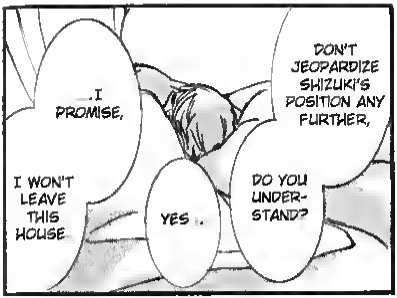
ER... SHIZUKI-SAMA.
THOSE BASTARDS!
WE'LL BE BACK!
TOSS
TSK!
...I'M SORRY.
FROM NOW ON, DON'T EVEN COME OUT TO THE GARDEN.
STAY INSIDE THE HOUSE!
It's too late for regrets now.

If only— I didn't help out my childhood friend...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS AOI. I'LL DEFINITELY PAY YOU BACK YOUR MONEY
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
I'LL KEEP WRITING! BUT I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE...
PLEASE HOLD ON TO THIS AS COLLATERAL
THIS BOOK... DON'T TELL ME... YOU'RE INVOLVED IN SOME MOVEMENT ...
PLEASE KEEP IT SAFE FOR ME!
RUSTLE
DASH
Even the Special Higher Police came... It's too late to dispose the book now.
But if I stay—

I would only cause Shizuki-sama more trouble—
(Please accept my leave of absence)
(I will take full responsibility)
(Shizuki-sama)
WELCOME HOME.
HE'S HOME.
ding dong
FLINCH

AOI, I'M HOME.
STAGGER
SHIZUKI-SAMA!
SLUMP
I'VE DELIVERED YOUR MASTER HOME!
PLEASE, IF YOU WANT TO SLEEP, GO TO YOUR BEDROOM . .
Ugh!
OKITSU-SAMA, WHAT HAPPENED TO SHIZUKI-SAMA?
HE HAS BEEN BUSY RUBBING ELBOWS WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF NOBILITY.

HE'S CERTAINLY TRYING! HOWEVER, GIVEN HIS LATE START,
AND WAS EVEN LABELED AS A COMMUNIST,
THOUGH HE'S ANTI-SOCIAL, ECCENTRIC,
NEVER GIVES A DAMN ABOUT THE UPPER CRUST OF SOCIETY,
SO BE SURE TO STAY INSIDE THE HOUSE, AOI!
.....
AFTER ALL, ALLIANCES AREN'T BUILT OVER NIGHT.
IT'S HARD TO ESTABLISH CONNECT-IONS.
.....
EVEN WE CAN'T GET YOU OUT.
THE SPECIAL POLICE ARRESTS YOU,
IF


DON'T JEOPARDIZE SHIZUKI'S POSITION ANY FURTHER,
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES..
I WON'T LEAVE THIS HOUSE...
...I PROMISE,

I ALREADY PROMISED SHIZUKI-SAMA...

FOR THOSE GUYS, ARRESTING YOU IS THEIR ONLY OBJECTIVE.
THEY WON'T CARE ABOUT GIVING FALSE ACCUSATION

DAMN RIGHT YOU DID!

THE RAIN HAS GOTTEN HEAVY, PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME, OKITSU-SAMA.
TAKE CARE OF SHIZUKI. AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE HE WON'T CHASE AWAY.
BY THE WAY~ HE'S SURPRISINGLY SKILLFUL WHEN HE SETS HIS MIND TO IT!

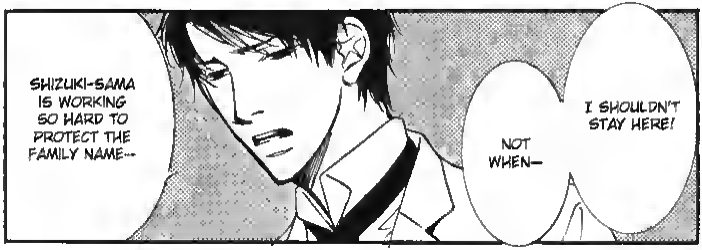
HE'S OUT TO BUILD CONNECTIONS.
IN NO TIME, HE'D BECOME THE TOAST OF HIGH SOCIETY.
HE MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE IT
BUT HE DEFINITELY TREASURES THE FAMILY NAME.
Shizuki-sama has suffered because of me.
I shouldn't stay...
just because I want to be with him.
AOI, COME HERE, I NEED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING!
YES, SIR.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS BOOK?
HOW DID IT COME INTO YOUR POSSESSION?
ANSWER ME!
...MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
HE GAVE IT TO ME AS COLLATERAL FOR THE MONEY I LEND HIM.
I GET IT.
YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE ME, BUT I NEVER MEANT TO...

SHIZUKI-SAMA..
PHEW
I KNOW THIS IS NOT A BOOK YOU USUALLY READ
HOWEVER, IF YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG, WHY DID YOU WRITE THIS?
slip out
THAT'S ..

YOUR REASON?

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT TAKING A BREAK.
IT'S JUST...


SHIZUKI-SAMA IS WORKING SO HARD TO PROTECT THE FAMILY NAME--
NOT WHEN—
I SHOULDN'T STAY HERE!

ER...
KIP
KIP
KIP

KIP

FAMILY NAME?

FAMILY NAME, YOU SAID?
SO, YOU THINK ALL THE THINGS I'VE BEEN DOING IS FOR THE SAKE OF MY FAMILY NAME?
SHIZUKI-SAMA, WHA...
SKRAPE
DISC
UGH!

I entertained all those aristocratic ladies and police bureaucrats for the sake of something ridiculous like my family name?
Is that really what you think!?
The same family name that couldn't even protect you!
SHIZUKI-SAMA-.
Instead of sacrificing yourself for such a stupid thing,
then make your sacrifice to ME!

Fu...
Mm...
twitch
Ah!
Stop...
Please stop...

If you touch that place,
Please stop!
Lick
Hya...
So please stop!
Shizuki-sama, it's dirty!
Don't
don't Please
shudder
shudder
suck
suck
Ah
Aah

Ah—
THRUST
Hya!
jerk
Ugh!
I DIDN'T DO IT FOR MY FAMILY NAME—

—Eh?
I WANT TO PROTECT THIS HOUSE
BECAUSE YOU'RE IN IT!

Now...
I can leave without regrets!
PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY, SHIZUKI-SAMA.
WATCH THE HOUSE.
YESSIR.
Just those words are enough.
GRAB

creak
I'M GLAD THAT YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO COME OUT
NOW, AOI-SAN, PLEASE COME WITH US.
SLAM
MY BUSINESS IS DONE
SHIZUKI-SAMA, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE OUT FOR THE DAY...
...NO, I'M NOT...
HE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITH YOU!
I'LL NEVER HAND HIM OVER TO YOU GOONS!
'NEVER HAND HIM OVER'?
WHO'LL STOP US?

I CAN AND I WILL.
THERE SURE ARE DISCIPLINARY ISSUES HERE.
COULD YOU PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
THEY'RE YOUR DOGS, AREN'T THEY?
IS THIS REALLY THE MANNER THEY SUPPOSED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES?
STUNNED
CHIEF...
SHIZUKI-SAMA, WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT FOR ME ..?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

IT'S A MASTER'S RESPONSIBILITY
TO PROTECT HIS SERVANT
IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS LOYAL SERVICE.
AND I WANT YOU TO SERVE ME,
GOT IT?
YES...
GOOD!
NOW, GO MAKE SOME TEA
AS YOU WISH, SHIZUKI-SAMA.
END

Afterwords

Good day, this is Ryo Sakura. Thanks for picking up my book this time. This book is a collection of short stories, but the main story is about these men (semes) on the left and their partners: detective x warter and yakuza x funds manager. And as a bonus, there are two more stories in this anthology: a train molester, plus a master and his servant. (It's hard to make a happy ending for the train molester story...)

If you enjoyed this even for just a bit, that would make me happy.

Special thanks to my friend who filled in as the editor for this book. Thank you for taking good care of me!

CHARACTERS INTRODUCTION I couldn't draw slender ones... (LOL)

Yazaki Hijiri

At first glance, he looks like a gentle person, but he's a natural-born yakuza.

He's a cold-hearted seme.

He only thinks of the clan.

In order to finance the clan, he resigned and run a front business.

Yazaki's job

His underlings make money in illegal activities like drugs and land sharking.

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Establish paper-company for money laundering and making clean money.

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Increase the funds using stock and investment company.

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Using profit to buy lands and building to create a legit business.
Some is used as payment to gov't.

And the man Yazaki happened to meet at the investment company later became his one and only weakness.

Otowa Kazuha

Since becoming a detective, he's always been at the 4th division as a field investigator.

He neither captures yakuza, nor sucks up to his superiors! he's just silently doing his job without fault. Well, he's kinda a lone wolf.

A few days ago, he was able to have a proper lover, as a result, he feels both happy and embarrassed.

He's got a fateful connection with Yazaki, but they have many battles between them which resulted in injures and became their weak point.